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Secretary Morgenthau has authorized the Mint to resume the practice of issuing proof coins to be sold to the public either singly or in sets.

Proof coins are stamped from polished disks with dies carefully cleaned to avoid any possible flaws, and with the completed coins removed by hand to eliminate possible mars. Such coins were previously issued as collection pieces and souvenirs but the practice was discontinued about 20 years ago.

Proof coins will be issued only at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The charges for these coins, in addition to the face value and postage of 8¢, will be as follows:

50¢	piece	-------	25¢
25¢	"	-------	25¢
10¢	"	-------	10¢
5¢	"	-------	15¢
1¢	"	-------	15¢

No proofs of silver dollars will be made unless a substantial coinage is authorized later.

Charges collected for the proofing of coins will be turned into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

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